



**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

PLEASE AMEND THE SPECIFICATION AS FOLLOWS:

- Page 3, line 14 cancel "The" and insert -- Although such pillars/deadmen may be used, the --;

PARAGRAPH SHOWING CHANGES AS MADE

[The] Although such pillars/deadmen may be used, the invention does not require such deadmen.

AFTER AMENDMENT, THE PARAGRAPH READS:

Although such pillars/deadmen may be used, the invention does not require such deadmen.